

AN
ABSTRACT
Of Several
Examinations

Taken upon OATH, in the Counties of
Monmouth and Hereford.

And
Delivered in to the HONOURABLE
HOUSE of COMMONS:

Reported by Sir JOHN TREVOR Chair-man to
the Committee for drawing *Reasons* to be given to the
LORDS, at a Conference to prevent the *Growth*
and *Increase* of *POPERY*.

Together
With the Account given to the HOUSE of COMMONS
the 12th, of April, 1678. By

JOHN ARNOLD, }
And } Esqs;
JOHN SCUDAMORE,

Of the *Encouragement* given to *POPERY*,
in the Counties of *MONMOUTH*
and *HEREFORD*.

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JOHN TRENOR
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 Esqrs.

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Mercurij 27 die Martij, 1678.

Resolved, &c.



THAT a Conference be desired with the Lords, concerning the Danger the Nation is in by the *Growth of Popery*, and for providing Remedies to prevent the same.

An *Address* with *Reasons* thereunto, of the 21th of February, 1670, to prevent the *Growth of Popery* was Read.

Resolved, &c.

That a Committee be appointed to consider of the said *Address* and *Reasons*, and thereout, and upon the Debates of the House, to prepare *Reasons* to be offered at the said Conference; and it is referred

<p>To {</p> <p>Sir Thomas Meers, Coll. Burch, Sir Charl. Harbord, Sir John Knight, Lord Cavendish, Sir Tho. Clerges, Sir Adam Brown, Sir Francis Rolls, Serjeant Gregory, Sir Trevor Williams, Mr. Vane, Sir John Trevor.</p>	<p>{</p> <p>Sir Tho. Lee, Mr. Powel, Sir Tho. Littleton, Sir Rich. Temple, Mr. Vaughan, Mr. May, Sir John Hotham, Sir Will. Wentworth Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Tho. Higgons, Mr. Hopkins, Sir Eliab Harvy, or any five of them.</p>
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And they are to Meet this Afternoon at three of the Clock in the Speakers Chamber, and have Power to send for *Persons, Papers* and *Records*.

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That the Committee last appointed do summon Mr. Arnold and Mr. Sceudamore, and take their Answers to the Papers now delivered in.

Will. Goldsbrough,

Cler. Dom. Com.

In the Speakers Chamber,

Mercurij 27th. die Martij, 1678.

At the Committee appointed to consider of an *Address*, with *Reasons* thereto of the 21th, of February, 1670, to prevent the *Growth of Popery*, and thereout and upon the *Debates* of the House, to prepare *Reasons* to be offered at a *Conference*, and to summon Mr. Arnold and Mr. Sceudamore, and to take their *Answers* to the *Papers* delivered in to the House.

Sir John Trevor, in the Chair, Ordered,

That the said Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Sceudamore be summoned personally to attend this Committee on *Thursday* the 17th, of *April* next, at three of the clock in the Afternoon in the *Speakers Chamber*, to give their *Answers* to the *Papers* delivered into the House before this Committee, having notice hereof, by shewing them this *Order*, signed by the *Chairman* of this Committee; and this they are not to fail in but to observe and do in pursuance of an *Order* of the *House of Commons*.

John Trevor.

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Sir *John Trevor* reports from the Committee appointed to prepare, and draw up Reasons to be offered at a Conference with the Lords, concerning the Danger the Nation is in, by the Growth of Popery, and for providing Remedies to prevent the same, and to Summon Mr. *Arnold*, and Mr. *Scudamore*, and to take their Answers to the Papers delivered to M. *Speaker*. That the Committee met several times, and that they had perused several Papers, and Records, and had taken the Answers of Mr. *Arnold*, and Mr. *Scudamore*, and the Informations of several others, and had several Informations exhibited to them taken upon Oath before Justices of the Peace. And that the Committee ordered him to make a Report consisting of several Particulars disposed under three Heads, which Report he read in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerks Table.

The First Head.

The Names of Popish Priests, by whom kept, the Chappels and other Places where Mass is said, and resorted to in the County of *Monmouth*.

John Arnold of *Lanvihangel* in the County of *Monmouth* Esq, late Justice of Peace there, by his Examination, saith, That he hath known Mr. *David Lewis* for seven or eight Years, who hath been for all that time and before reputed a Jesuit and Provincial of the Jesuits in the County of *Monmouth*, That for several Years past he lived at *Lanternam House* then in Jointure to the Lady *Morgan*, which by her Death, about two or three Years since, came to Sir *Edward Morgan*, where the said *David Lewis* publick-said Mass as has been credibly informed by persons that were present thereat, he likewise saith that he hath

hath seen the Chappel, Altar and Ornaments in the said House for the Celebration of Mass, that the said *David Lewis* lives now near *Lantarnam* aforesaid, and doth also, as he hath been informed, say Mass at a *Pepish Chappel* near *Mr. Gunter's House*, in *Abergavenny Town*.

Charles Morgan, Gentleman, by his Examination upon Oath saith, that *David Lewis* a *Popish* reputed Priest doth often frequent the House of one *Mr. Thomas Gunter* of *Abergavenny*.

William James, by his Examination upon Oath saith, that he hath known *David Lewis* to be a *Popish Priest* this Sixteen Years, and believes him to be the Superiour of all the *Jesuits* in *North and South Wales*; he and his Wife have received the Sacrament of him, hath seen him administer to above an Hundred Persons, hath seen him Christen several Children, and Marry several Persons at a Chappel in *Lantarnam House*, and at the Houses of *Andrew and Edward Williams*, that great number resort to *Lantarnam* to hear Mass, deposeth further that he hath given several Angels to the said *David Lewis*, to pray for the Soul of his Father-in-law after he was dead; & that his Father-in-law told him and his Wife, that he was fain to give Fifty Pounds to the said *David Lewis*, to be disposed to pious Uses, and that if he did not give it, he should neither have the Sacrament, nor Absolution, and that he further saith, that he knows *William Cornelius*, who hath officiated as Clerk at Mass to the said *David Lewis* this Fifteen or Sixteen Years, and that the said *William Cornelius* was both a Constable and Churchwarden for the Parish of *Langat-teck*.

Dorothy, the Wife of *William James* deposeth that she hath known *David Lewis* to be a *Popish Priest* these twenty Years, hath seen him say Mass at *Lantarnam* and elsewhere, she and her Husband having received the

the Sacrament from him, and hath seen him administer it to several persons, and *Marry* and *Christen* several times: She knowes that one *William Cornellius* hath officiated as Clerk to the said *David Lewis* for sixteen years past and above.

Mr. *Arnold* saith, that he hath known Captain *Silyard* four or five years; that he hath been Informed by the Minister of *Lanarth* and others, that he is a *Romish Priest* and doth openly say Mass in that Parish, to which great numbers do resort, that most of the Parish are *Papsts*.

Tho. Watkins Vicar of *Lanarth* upon his Oath Deposeth, That one *Silyard*, a reputed *Popish Priest*, resides in the said Parish.

Mr. *Charles Morgan* upon his Oath deposeth, that the said Mr. *Silyard* a reputed popish Priest, lives with Mrs. *Jones* of *Lanarth* Widdow.

Mr. *Arnold* saies, That Mr. *Harris* alias *Price*, is reputed to be a popish Priest.

Tho. Watkins of *Lanarth*, upon his Oath deposeth, that *Walter Harris*, alias *Price* is a reputed popish Priest, resideth in *Clytha* a Hamlet in *Lanarth*, in the House of Mrs. *Christian Milbourn*, that there are above Eighty reputed *Popish Recusants* besides Children and Servants in that Parish, that he hath been Informed, that the said *Price* saith Mass, *Marries* and *Christens* in the said Parish, and hath endeavoured to pervert several of the Parish to the *Popish Religion*,

Mr. *Samuel Watkins*, Vicar of *Lantillio*, *Gressenny* and *Penrose*, in the County of *Monmouth*, upon his Oath sayes, that Mr. *Walter Harris*, alias *Price*, and another Mr. *Harris* say Mass at *William Pullens* House, and likewise do often *Christen*.

Mr. *Aaron Lewis* of *Landegva* in the County of *Monmouth*, upon his Oath saith, That several persons have inform'd him that *Walter Harris* alias *Price*, is a popish Priest, and had *Christened* several of their Children, and that the said *Price* said *Mass* publickly, and that he lives in the House of Mrs. *Katherine* and Mrs. *Christian Milbourn*.

Alice the Wife of the said *Aaron Lewis* upon her Oath saith, that she knows the said Mr. *Walter Price* to be a popish priest, hath seen him and heard him say *Mass* forty times, hath received the Sacrament from him, hath seen him administer it to a hundred more, hath seen him often Marry and Christen, hath perverted several Protestants from the Church of *England*, to the Church of *Rome*, as *James Phichard* and *Katherine* his Wife, *Charles Walkins*, and *Margaret* his Wife, and the Wife of *William Arthur*, and several others.

She further saith, that she hath seen above a hundred at *mass*, and that the crowd was so great, that the Loft was forced to be propt least it should fall down under the weight; that she hath confest her sins to the said *Price* and that he gave her Absolution.

William Lewis of *Ragland*, upon his Oath saith, in the County of *Monmouth*, that he hath seen Mr. *Price*, who doth or lately did live at the the House of Mr. *Milborn*, say *Mass*, and preach in *Welch*; that the said *Price* did earnestly endeavour to turn him from the Church of *England* to the Church of *Rome*; telling him he should never see the Face of God, unless he would be of their way.

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Mr. Roger Sey upon his Oath saith, that the said *Walter Harris*, alias *Price*, is a *popish Priest*; and that he was present when it was proved before a *Justice of the Peace*, that the said *Price* had said *Mass*s.

William James upon his Oath sayeth, that he knoweth *Walter Harris* alias *Price* a *popish Priest*, and hath seen him at *Mass*s, and heard him say *Mass*s, and that he's entertained at *Mrs. Milborns House* in *Clithia*.

Mr. *Arnold* sayeth, that he hath been very credibly informed, that one *Doctor Pugh* says *Mass*s publickly in the *House of Mr. Thomas Bodnam of Blackbrook*; both when *Mr. Bodnam* is at home, and when he is absent; that he hath been informed, that *Walter James Esq;* suffers one *John Loyd* a reputed *Priest* to say *Mass*s at his *House at Treivor*.

That he hath seen a Chappel at *Lanvair* in the *House of Turberville Morgan Esq;* and an *Altar* and *Ornaments* in it, and he hath been informed that *Thomas Loyd*, a *popish Priest* saith publick *Mass*s, Marries, Christens, and Buries in the said Chappel.

Mr. *Samuel Watkins* of *Lantilio Gressenny* and *Penrose*, upon his Oath sayeth that *Mr. Loyd*, a reputed *popish Priest* says *Mass*s at the *House of Turberville Morgan Esq;* in his *Parish*; that there are three other *Houses* in his *Parish*, where reputed *opish Priests* are entertained, and say publick *Mass*s, and that there are in the *Parishes of Lantilio, Gressenny* and *Penrose* Sixscore *Popish Recusants*.

Mr. *Arnold* sayes, that he hath been informed by the *Ministers* and several *Witnesses*, that *Mr. Scudamore* of *Penrose's Widdow*, suffers publick *Mass*s to be said in her *House*, and that numbers resort thither.

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Mr. *Samuel Watkins*, Vicar of *Penrose* upon his Oath saith, That one Mr. *Lloyd*, a reputed popish Priest is entertained at the House of one Mrs. *Winefrid Sceudamore*, and that he hath seen him there : and a great number of *Popish Recusants* resorting thither upon *Sundays* and *Holy-days*, to hear *Mass*, as he conceiveth, and he verily believes all her Children are Christened by popish priests.

M. *Arnold* sayes that he hath seen a publick Chappel near the House of Mr. *Tho. Gunter* a Popish convict, in *Abergavenny*, adorned with the marks of the *Jesuites* on the outside and is informed that *Mass* is said there by Captain *Evans* a reputed *Jesuite*, and by the aforesaid *David Lewis*, that very great numbers resort to the said Chappel, and very often at Church time and he hath credibly heard that a hundred hath gone out of the said Chappel, when not forty have gone out of the great Church, that the said Chappell is scituate in a publick Street of the said Town, and doth front the Street.

Mr. *Greenhaugh* Vicar of *Abergavenny* and *Lantilio Pertholy* in the County of *Monmouth*, upon his Oath sayth, That on *Sunday* and *Holy-days* he hath seen great numbers of *Roman Catholiks* resort to the house of Mr. *Thomas Gunter* at *Abergavenny*, and that the said *Gunter* entertaines one Captain *Evans*, whom he supposeth to be a *Popish Priest*; That there is the publick mark of the *Jesuites* on the outside of the Building, which is directly towards the parish Church, and he is informed there is a Chappel, and that they have in that House all the Formalities and ornaments belonging to a Chappel, with *Mass* on *Sundays* and *Holy-days*; he deposeth, that there have been *Marriages* and *Christenings* in both the said parishes by popish *Priests*; and further, that the said *Thomas Gunter* told him, that in *Olivers* time of severity, he kept a *Priest*, and would keep
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one now; that many times Corps come to be interred with the Formalities of white Crosses upon them, and endeavouring to hinder the said Superstition, he hath often been abused; that he hath informed *John Arnold* Esq; and other Justices of the Peace of publick Masses there and other Enormities of the Papists.

William James aforesaid upon his Oath deposeth, that he knows *Phillip Evans*, commonly called Captain *Evans* a popish Priest entertained by *Thomas Gunter* at his House in *Aliergavenny*.

Mr. Arnold sayeth, that the Persons who go under the Names hereafter mentioned do often change their names and are called by other Names, and are reputed itincrants Priests in the Counties of *Hereford* and *Monmouth*, and do usually officiate in ten Miles compass (*viz.*) *Mr. Drawcot*, *Mr. Elliot*, *Captain Pugh*, *Doctor Pugh*, *Mr. Rider*, *Mr. Morgan*, *Mr. Loyd*, *Mr. Williams*, *Mr. Parry*, *Mr. Jones*, *Mr. Harriks* who is said to be Superintendent of the Comb, *Mr. John Hall*, *Mr. Thomas Powel*, *Mr. Harries* alias *Price*, and *Mr. Thomas Andrews*.

Thomas Watkins Vicar of *Lanarth* upon his Oath deposeth that *Thomas Andrews* a reputed Popish Priest says Masses very often at *William Davids House* of *Bettus* as he hath been informed.

Mr. Samuel Watkins Vicar of *Lantilio Gressenny* upon his Oath deposeth that *Mr. Andrews* a reputed popish Priest, is entertained at *Mr. Anthony Powels* at *Killough*, where he hath seen him, and that he sayeth publick Masses there, and that *Mr. Hall*, a reputed popish Priest is entertained at *Mr. James Pricards House* of *Blaen Liman*, where Mass is publicly said; and hath been informed, that another reputed popish Priest called *Mr. Laurance Watkins* frequents the House of, *Mr. Walter Powel*.

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Mr. Roger Seys upon his Oath deposeth, that he heard it proved before several Justices of the peace of the County of Monmouth, that Mr. Laurence Watkins was a popish Priest, and did officiate at the House of Mr. Charles Scudamore deceased, and further deposeth, that Thomas Powel, a reputed popish Priest liveth at the House of the Lady Jones of Treowen which is distant about a quarter of a mile from the parish Church of Dingestow, to which Church as he is informed, there do not resort above sixteen or twenty persons or thereabouts, when there do resort to the house of the said Lady Jones, threescore or thereabouts, all which do pass and repass through the Church Yard of Dingestow aforesaid at the Time of Divine Service.

Mr. Charles Morgan upon his Oath deposeth that Mr. Williams a reputed popish priest frequenteth a House called Lantrothy.

Mr. Arnold says that he hath seen a hundred papists meet on the top of an high Hill, called St. Michaels Mount, where is frequent meetings eight or ten times in the year, as he is informed, Mass is said, and sometimes Sermons are preached there.

John Scudamore of Kentchurch in the County of Hereford Esq; saith that he saw very great numbers of people at their Devotion on the top of a high hill in Monmouthshire called St. Michaels Mount, where there is a ruinous Chappel and a Stone with crosses on it, which he took to be an Altar, and he hath seen people with Beads in their Hands kneeling towards the said Stone both within and without the Chappel, and he hath been informed that Mass is often said there, and some papists have affirmed in his presence that they have heard as good Sermons preached as ever they heard in their Lives

Mr. Arnold saith, that he knows that Combe House in Hereford-shire, and several Lands belonging unto it, of a considerable value, is commonly reputed to be a Covent of Jesuites, and he hath heard some of the, Papists themselves call it, the Colledge of the Combe and he hath been informed, that there are commonly five or six Jesuites residing there, and there is a publick Chappel, and Mass constantly said therein.

Mr. Scudamore sayes, that at a House called the Combe in the County of Hereford Several Priests are maintained and kept there, and that it is commonly reported that it is a House or Colledge for that purpose.

William James of Langstock in the County of Monmouth upon his Oath deposeth, that he hath heard severall of the popish Priests say, that if they could not live in those parts they would repair to the Combe in Hereford-shire, and believes the said Combe to be a Covent, and that the Lands thereunto belonging belong to the Priests; and that they do keep or lately did keep Husbandry there.

Mr. Charles Morgain upon his Oath deposeth, that Combe House in the County of Hereford near the dwelling House of Henry Milbarn Esq; a Justice of the Peace is reputed to be a popish Covent, where several popish reputed Priests Did lately inhabit (viz.) Mr. James, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Dracyot and Mr. Harris.

Three worthy members of this House living in or near Hereford-shire informed the Committee that Combe-House aforesaid, and the Lands thereunto belonging is commonly reputed to belong to the popish priests.

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The second Head.

The names of Justices of Peace and others that are *Papists* or suspected *Papists* and their proceedings in favour of popish *Priests* and popish *Recusants*.

Mr. *Arnol* says, That he know's Sir *Edward Morgan* of *Lantarnam* in the County of *Monmoth* Barronet, that he hath seen in his house att *Lantarnam* a popish Chappell with Altar and Ornament therein for the celebration of Mass wherein Mass is said, as he hath been informed, by such as have bin present thereat, that he heard the said Sir *Edward Morgan* affirm himself to be a *Roman Catholicke*, that he is yet continued in Commission of the Peace and is reputed to be a Deputy Lieutenant.

Mr. *Arnold* says, That about ten yeares since he knew *William Jones* of *Lanarth* Esquir, that he was a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Lieutenant of *Monmothshire*, hath bin informed by worthy Members this House, that before and at the time of his Death he was a *Papish*; he hath heard some *Papists* brag that he dyed a *Papist* and that his Son is now bred in a Colledge of *Jesuites* in *France*, or else where in forraigne parts; he says, that he hath been informed by the Ministers and others that most of that Parish are *Papists* (he says) that though severall Warrants have issued from the Justice to have accounts of defaults for not comming to Church, no returnes cold be had for these two or three yeares last past, the Churchwardens and Constables being *Papists*.

Mr. *Thomas Watkins*, Vicar of the Parish of *Lanarth* upon his Oath says there are above *four score* reputed *Papish recusants* within his parish, besides Children and Servants; three reputed *Papish Priests* residing and Officiateing there (viz.)

One *Sylliard*, who was lately Tutor to Mr. *Jones's* two Sons, who are now beyond Sea, as he verily believes : One *Walter Harris* residing at one Mrs. *Milborn's* House in *Cluthia* a Hamlet of *Lanarth*, and *Andrews* at *Bettus*.

Mr. *Charles Morgan* upon his Oath, deposeth that Mr. *Sylliard*, a reputed Popish Priest, lives with Mrs. *Jones* of *Lanarth*, Widdow to Mr. *William Jones* of *Lanarth*, who was a Justice of Peace.

Mr. *John Greenhaugh*, Vicar of *Abergavenny* and *Lantilio Portholly* in the County of *Monmouth*, upon his Oath deposeth, that there is or hath of late been one Mr. *Evans* a reputed popish Priest entertained at the House of *Charles Proger Esq*; in the said Parish of *Lantilio*, who is a Justice of Peace, and that he hath seen great numbers of Men and Women resort thither to Mass as he conceives.

Mr. *Arnold* says, that he hath been informed, that Mass was very lately and publickly said at *Lantrothy*, a House belonging to *Rowland Prichard Esq*; now a Justice of Peace of *Monmouthshire*; where one *Thomas Elliot*, a Popish Priest (formerly committed to *Hereford Goale*) as such, doth officiate; that he informed the said Mr. *Prichard* of it, and that it was dangerous to him, and Scandalous to Religion to suffer it; the said Mr. *Prichard* answered, that he had Ten Pounds Rent extraordinary for it; and that would do him more good than the Scandal could hurt him; that Mr. *Prichard* is Nephew to Mr. *Henry Milborn*.

Mr. *Charles Morgan* upon his Oath sayeth, that he hath credibly heard that *Rowland Prichard Esq*; hath ten Pounds, per Annum more for his House at *Lantrothy*, for suffering one Mr. *Williams*, a reputed Popish Priest to be there sometimes.

Mr. *Arnold* says, that he knows *Henry Milborn Esq*; to be a Justice of Peace in four Counties, whereof *Monmouthshire* is one, and that he the said Mr. *Milborn* ever since he came into the Commission of the Peace for *Monmouthshire*, hath kept Papists for his Clerks, who received and kept all Presentments, one of them called *Bower*, who was Indicted for treasonable words at *Hereford* Assizes, of which the *Herefordshire* Members can give a more perfect Account.

The other named *Peter Roberts* a Papist convict; the said Mr. *Arnold* says, and *Henry Probert Esq*; upon his Oath deposeth, that they both as Justices of the Peace for the County of *Monmouth*, on the 17th Day of April 1677, did often tender the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy to the said *Peter Roberts*, which the said *Peter* with contempt did refuse to take; that they both did require the said Mr. *Milborn* being then present to joyn with them in tendering the said Oaths, and in committing the said *Roberts*, which he refused, whereupon the said Mr. *Arnold*, and Mr. *Probert* did by Warrant and Mittimus commit the said *Roberts* to one *Hugh Povel* one of the chief Constables of the hundred of *Shenfrith* to convey him

to his Majesties Goale; whereupon the said *Henry Milborn* did lay violent Hands on the chief *Constable* and pusht him away while the said *Roberts* made his Escape.

The said Mr. *Arnold* further says, that he hath often heard the said Mr. *Milborn* at *Privy Sessions* both discourage *Constables* from presenting *Popish Recusants*, and also declare, that it was contrary to Law to present them at a *Privy Sessions*, and that the Law of *Primo Elizabethæ* was not intended against *Papists*, he also knows that the said Mr. *Milborn* at the End of last *Easter* or *Mid-Summer Sessions*, did procure an Order, that neither the said *Henry Probert* nor himself should Act as *Justices* in the said hundred of *Skenfrith*, though no *Justice* lived in the said hundred, and they live both near to it, and that the said Mr. *Milborn* obtained another Order of the *Quarter Sessions* to vacate that they had done at a *Privy Sessions*, where they had convicted above two hundred *Papists*, the Copys of which Order were denied him by the Clerk of the Peace and his Clerks, and he verily believes that the reason of making both their Orders, was because the said Mr. *Probert* and himself did their Duty faithfully, and put the Laws in Execution against the *Papists*.

Mr. *Arnold* sayes, that he knows, and Mr. *Charles Morgan* by his Oath deposeth, that most of the said *Henry Milborn's* Family and Household are *Papists*.

And Mr. *Arnold* says, that he was present when one Mr. *Roger Seys* did demand of Mr. *Milborn* a *Warrant* to apprehend one *Walter Price*, whom the said *Seys* offered to prove to be a *Popish Priest*, kept in the House of Mrs. *Katherine* and Mrs. *Christian Milborn*, Sisters to the said Mr. *Milborn*, which the said Mr. *Milborn* not only refused to grant, but threatened the said Mr. *Seys* for demanding the same; and lastly sayeth, that he hath been credibly informed, that Mr. *Milborn* is a Trustee for many of the *Papists* in *Hereford* and *Monmouthshires*.

Henry Probert Esq; upon his Oath sayes, that Mr. *Arnold* with himself and others kept a *Privy Sessions* at *Lantilio Gressenny* in the County of *Monmouth*, where the *Constables* presented a great number of *Popish Recusants*, but all the next *Quarter Sessions*, there was an Order made, vacating all that was done at the said *Privy Sessions*, though very little or nothing was done there but about the Presentment of *Papists*; and further saith, that he doth in his Conscience believe, that the said Mr. *Milborn* was the main Agent and Instrument of making and obtaining the said Order.

John Scudamore Justice of the Peace of *Herefordshire* sayes, that having desired one Mr. *Henry Milborn* a *Justice* of the Peace of that County to joyn with him in issuing out *Warrants* to levy twelve pence, a Sunday on *Popish Recusants*, he alwayes refused so to do, affirming that the Statute of *Primo Elizabethæ* was never intended against the *Papists*, that he hath been credibly informed, that the greatest

greatest part of the Family and Household of the said Mr. *Milborn*, and the greatest Part of the Parish wherein he lives, are *Papists*, that he hath known two of Mr. *Milborns* Clerks who received and kept all Returns and Presentments, and were both declared *Papists*; the Name of one being *Job. Bower*, who was tryed at *Hereford* for treasonable words, the Name of the other was *Peter Roberts* who is or was lately his Clerk.

Mr. *Roger Seys*, and Mr. *Lewis Price*, upon their Oaths, severally, depose that they were present when *John Arnold* and *Henry Probert Esq.* did commit *Peter Roberts*, Clerk to Mr. *Milborn*, for refusing to take the Oaths of *Allegiance* and *Supremacy*, and that the said Mr. *Milborn* rescued the said *Peter Roberts* out of the Hands of the Chief *Constable*, who thereupon made his Escape.

The said Mr. *Seys* further deposeth, that he being *Church-warden*, did on the Seventeenth of *April 1677*, demand a *Warrant* from Mr. *Milborn* against *Walter Harris*, alias *Price*, a *Popish Priest*, who lives with Mrs. *Christian* and Mrs. *Katherine Milborn*, Sisters to the said *Milborn*, which *Warrant* Mr. *Milborn* refused to grant, but threatned him with Opprobrious Words, telling him he was a busy troublesome man, and that he would be upon his Skirts.

Lambert Miles, upon his Oath deposeth, that about the Years 1675, or 1676, being petty *Constable* of *Lansilio Gressenny*, he went to Mr. *Milborn* a Justice of the Peace, with his Presentment to be approved and subscribed by the said Mr. *Milborn*, wherein several *Popish Recusants* were presented for not coming to Church, that the said Mr. *Milborn* struck out, or caused to be struck out several of their Names, and the Oath, and that it was a true Presentment, was omitted, he the said *Miles* refusing to take it, unless the Names of the said *Popish Recusants* (struck out as aforesaid by Mr. *Milborn*, or his Order) were asserted therein, that thereupon the said *Miles* never presented those struck out any more, nor swore to any Presentment after, though he continued petty *Constable* two Years.

Mr. *Arnold saith*, that he hath had it proved by Oath before him that Mr. *Isaac Williams* who is a *Coroner* for part of the County of *Monmouth*, hath his Children Christened by a *Popish Priest*, and that his Wife is a violent *Papist*, and have credibly heard, that *Mass* is very often said in his House, and that very frequent Meetings of *Romish Priests*, and others of that *Religion* are held there.

Mr. *Roger Seys* upon his Oath deposeth, that he being *Church-Warden*, *Isaac Williams*, one of the *Coroners* of the County of *Monmouth* did check him for putting the Statute in Execution against *Popish Recusants* for not coming to Church, and told him it was pity to prosecute them, for they were honest People, and in way of Discourse did hold many Arguments with him in vindication of the *Romish Religion*.

Mr. *John Greenhaugh*, Vicar of *Abergavenny*, upon his Oath saith,

saith that *Mary* the Wife of *Mr. Lewis Jones*, was the only Person in that Town, severely prosecuted for a *Roman Catholic*, though there were many convict Papists of greater Ability in the said Town, and that it was done after her Conformity and Reconciliation to the *Church of England*, and that her Husband told him, that he had payed to the *Under-Sheriff* nine pounds ten Shillings, notwithstanding the Certificate under his Hand and Seal of her Conformity.

Mr. Scudamore sayes, that about five Years since, he apprehended one *Mr. Elliot*, a *Papish Priest*, habited in his *Scope* and other *Vests*, in the Acts of Celebration of *Mass* in a Chappel of *Herefordshire*, wherein he observed an *Altar*, *Lights*, *Papers* and several *Images*, he asked the said *Elliot* how he durst say *Mass* so publickly, there being at *Mass* above thirty Persons, being there was a Proclamation to the contrary? *Mr. Elliot* answered that he knew of no Proclamation, but demanded by what Authority he took him, telling him he should have no thanks for apprehending him; *Mr. Scudamore* saith, that he thereupon committed *Elliot* to the County Goale, and the next Assizes caused a Bill to be presented against him, which was found, but before his Tryal he was taken out of the Goale, and as the *Under-Sheriff* informed him, he was moved to the *Tower of London*. It appears to the Committee by the Original Records and Papers produced, that the said *John Scudamore* did by his *Mittimus* dated the 17th of September 1675, commit the said *Elliot* as a *Papish Priest* to the County Goale of *Hereford*, until he should be thence delivered by due Course of Law, that by Warrant Counter-signed by *Mr. Secretary Trevor*, dated the 24th of January following, directed to *Marshal Briggs Esq;* high Sheriff of the County of *Hereford*, the said *Elliot* was brought up to *London* in order to his Delivery over to the *Lieutenant of the Tower*. That by Warrant, counter-signed by *Mr. Secretary Trevor* dated the 15th of February following, directed to the *Lieutenant of the Tower*, the said *Elliot* was committed unto the *Tower* until further Order, and accordingly, the said *Mr. Elliot* was delivered by the *High-Sheriff of Herefordshire* into the *Lieutenant of the Tower's* Custody.

That by Warrant counter-signed by *Mr. Secretary Trevor*, dated the 4th of March following, the *Lieutenant of the Tower* was commanded to enlarge and set at Liberty the said *William Elliot*, first taking security from him to transport himself out of the Realm, into some Parts beyond Seas within ten Dayes next after his Enlargement, and not to return into any of his Majesties Dominions, without leave first obtained.

That accordingly the said *Lieutenant* took a Bond in his Majesties Name from the said *Elliot* with two sureties in the Sum of five hundred Pounds, and thereupon set the said *Elliot* at Liberty; that at the next Assizes and General Goale delivered for the County of *Hereford*

ford the 24th. of *March* following, the said *William Elliot* was indicted for being a Seminary Priest, which Indictment was found by the Grand Jury, and to which Indictment *Edward Marriot*, *Joh. Cole*, and *Arthur Lister* were *Witneses*, who by their Informations taken upon Oath, and produced to the Committee by the Clerk of Assize, do severally depose the apprehending the said *Elliot* in the Act of Celebration of *Mass*, as Mr. *Scudamore* hath set forth in his Examination aforesaid.

The said Mr. *Elliot* by his Examination and Confession produc't to the Committee by the Clerk of the Assize, and taken before Sir *Edward Harley*, *John Scudamore* and *William Gregory* Esqs; Justices of the Peace, for the County of *Hereford* says, that he was apprehended when he was at his private devotion, but confesseth that there was then with him in the same Room at Devotion, about six or seven and Twenty Persons; that he was habited with a *Surplice*, and *Vestment* over it, and being examined, whither he was a Priest in Orders from the *Church of Rome*, he refused to answer thereunto, but said let it be proved against me, I will not Accuse my self.

FINIS.